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**BEFORE**

He Mailed Coupon

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## THE MAN WHO

# STOLE *from* HIMSELF

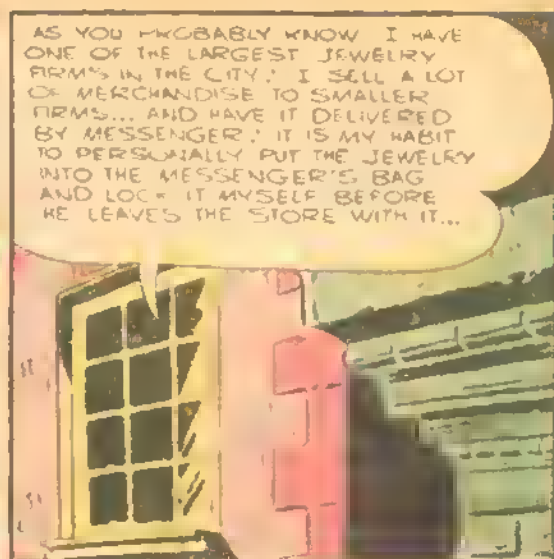


IT STARTED WHEN CLARENCE HAMPTON, THE WELL KNOWN JEWELER, PAID ME A VISIT...





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SO HE WORKED OUT A WAY THAT I COULD HAVE AS A BUYER. MR. HAMPTON... OF COURSE HE WAS PUTTING THE JEWELRY INTO THE BAG ON THE NEXT DELIVERY. THEN I COULD FOLLOW THE SLEET AND OBSERVE HIS MOVEMENTS EVERY FOOT OF THE WAY...



BEING A REAL CAREFUL TYPE GUY I DECIDED TO MAKE SURE THE JEWELS THAT WENT INTO THE BAG IN HAMPTON'S OFFICE WERE THE MCCOY...

ALL I NEED A JEWELRY EXPERT AND IF THERE'S ANYBODY IN TOWN WHO CAN SPOT A PHONY RIGHT OFF IT'S YOU!

FLATTERY WON'T GET YOU EVERYTHING DANNY BOY. WHAT ABOUT YOUR MIND?



A LITTLE LATER I KEPT MY DATE WITH HAMPTON... MY JEWEL EXPERT RIGHT BEHIND ME...

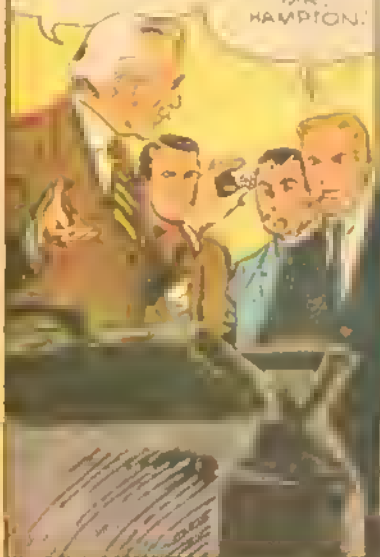
MY ASSISTANT, MR. HAMPTON, I'M TEACHING HIM THE TRADE!

MMM... WELL, ALL RIGHT! BE EATEN. I'LL CALL KARL IN!



AS A POTENTIAL BUYER MR. BLADE YOU WILL BE INTERESTED IN OUR DELIVERY METHOD. THIS LEATHER BAG IS REINFORCED WITH STEEL MESH INSIDE THE LINING. IT'S OF COURSE LOCKED UNTIL MY MESSENGER COMPLETES THE DELIVERY. NOW I'LL JUST PUT THIS BROOCH IN THE...

ER... ONE MOMENT MR. HAMPTON!



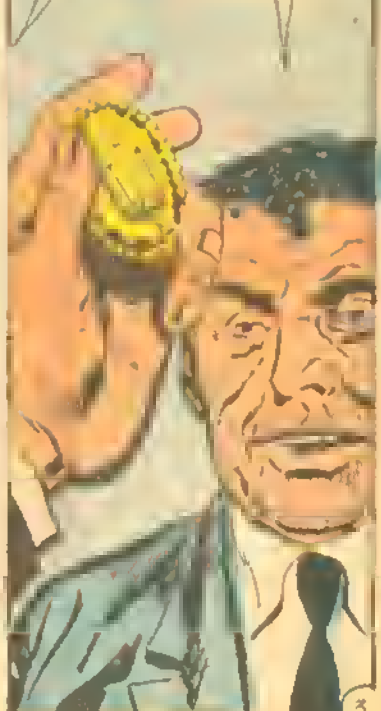
THIS IS INDEED A BEAUTIFUL BROOCH. MAY I EXAMINE IT, PLEASE?

WHY, ER... YES, OF COURSE. PLEASE DO!



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT, AL?

IF WE HAD ONE LIKE IT, WE COULD BOTH RETIRE.

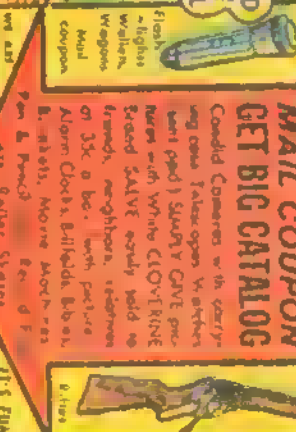




WE GIVE YOU **CASH**  
OR **PREMIUMS!**



YEAR-LET'S GIVE UP  
BEING INJUNS AND SENI  
IN THAT COUPON SO WE  
CAN EARN SOME SWEET



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HAMPTON CAUGHT ONTO OUR LITTLE ACT AT ONCE, BUT AT LEAST NOW I WAS SURE THE DIAMONDS WERE THE REAL THING WHEN THEY LEFT THE STORE...

THERE! LOCKED UP TIGHT! HERE'S THE KEY, KARL, AND YOU KNOW WHERE IT GOES.



WATCH HIM CLOSELY MR. BLADE.

DON'T WORRY. I WILL! SEE YOU LATER AL, AND THANKS!

I FOLLOWED KARL CLOSELY ENOUGH TO WATCH HIS HANDS EVERY MINUTE. BUT I MADE SURE HE DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS BEING TAILED...



I SAW HIM OPEN THE BAG, MAKE THE DELIVERY, GET A SIGNED RECEIPT FOR THE BROOCH, AND LEAVE THE STORE WITH THE EMPTY BAG. I WAS AFRAID HE'D GOTTEN WISE TO THE SET-UP, BECAUSE HE SURE HADN'T TAMPERED WITH THAT BAG.



WELL, I WATCHED HIM EVERY MINUTE. MR. HAMPTON, AND I SURE DIDN'T SEE HIM PULL ANYTHING FUNNY.

I'VE JUST FINISHED TALKING TO THE JEWELER WHO BOUGHT THE BROOCH, BLADE! THE ONE DELIVERED TO HIM WAS A PHONY.... AND I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU'RE A PHONY TOO!



HE HAD REASON TO BE SORE. ALL RIGHT, I FINALLY CALMED HIM DOWN ENOUGH TO AGREE TO GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE...

I'LL TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THIS TIME THAT THE REAL STUFF LEAVES YOUR OFFICE. I CAN'T LET HIM SEE ME HERE TWICE. I'LL PICK HIM UP RIGHT OUTSIDE..





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I WAS EVEN MORE CAREFUL THE FOLLOWING DAY AND I WAS POSITIVE BY THE TIME KARL REACHED HIS DESTINATION THAT HE HADN'T PULLED ANYTHING FUNNY, HOWEVER.



I COULDN'T AFFORD TO BE WRONG TWICE...

HOLD ON THERE, DON'T ACCEPT THAT BAG MISTER, OR EVEN TOUCH IT!

WHAT'S THIS A HOLDUP..



NUTS! I'M A PRIVATE COP! LET ME HAVE THE BAG KARL AND DON'T TRY TO LEAVE THE STORE!

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?



I MADE HIM OPEN THE BAG AND LOOKED INSIDE. THE JEWELRY WAS THERE, BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT IT...

EITHER THEY'VE REPEALED THE LAW OF GRAVITY OR...



OR THERE'S SOME OTHER DARN GOOD REASON WHY THAT STUFF DOESN'T SLIDE DOWN INTO ONE CORNER WHEN I TIP THE BAG UP LIKE THIS!



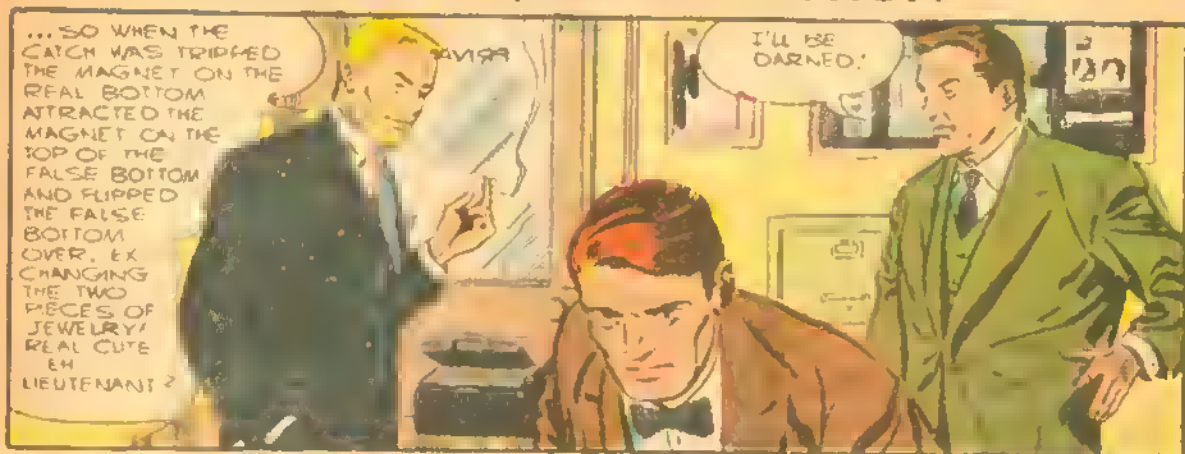
THE BAG, OF COURSE, HAD A FALSE BOTTOM THAT WAS ABLE TO PIVOT! THERE WAS A SMALL MAGNET ATTACHED TO THE TOP OF THE FALSE BOTTOM AND THE METAL CLASPS OF THE REAL JEWELRY CLUNG TO IT WHEN IT WAS PUT IN THE BAG! THE PHONIES WERE LIGHTLY CEMENTED TO THE UNDERSIDE! ENROUTE KARL HAD OBVIOUSLY TOUCHED THE SWITCH WHICH RELEASED THE...

BOTTOM AND THE MAGNETS HAD CAUSED IT TO TURN OVER DROPPING THE REAL STUFF IN THE BOTTOM AND LEAVING THE PASTES...

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST KARL!



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THIS IS THE POINT WHERE THE PRIVATE EYE IN THE MOVIE GETS HIS BIG CHECK FOR SOLVING THE CASE, TAKE'S THE GORGEOUS BLONDE AND HEADS FOR MIAMI BEACH FOR A WELL EARNED REST ..



I KNOW KARL MR. BLADE. I KNOW HE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT! WE WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED! AND NOW...

OKAY. OKAY. TAKE IT EASY! THAT WON'T HELP! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



I DID HAVE AN IDEA, AN IDEA I DIDN'T PARTICULARLY LIKE BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW IT TURNED OUT BARBARA HAMPTON WAS GOING TO BE HURT... BUT I PUT THROUGH THE CALL ANYWAY ..

OKAY. THANK'S! THAT'S ALL I NEED!



I DOUBLE TIMED IT BACK TO THE LIEUTENANT'S OFFICE AND GOT HIM TO ONE SIDE..

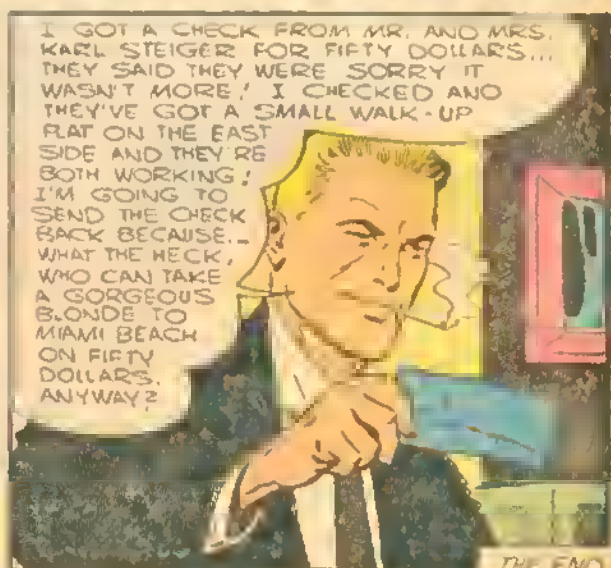
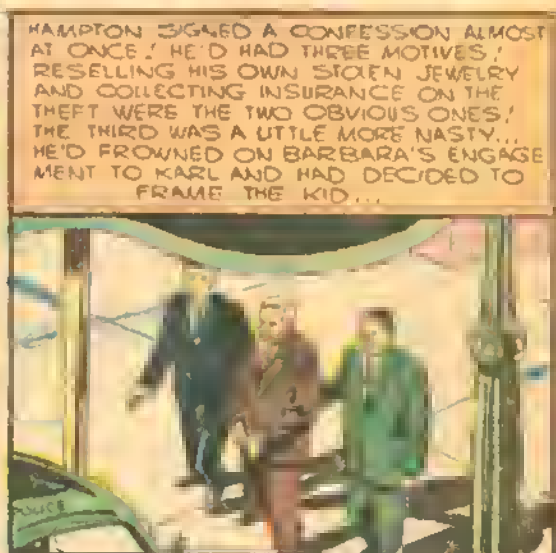
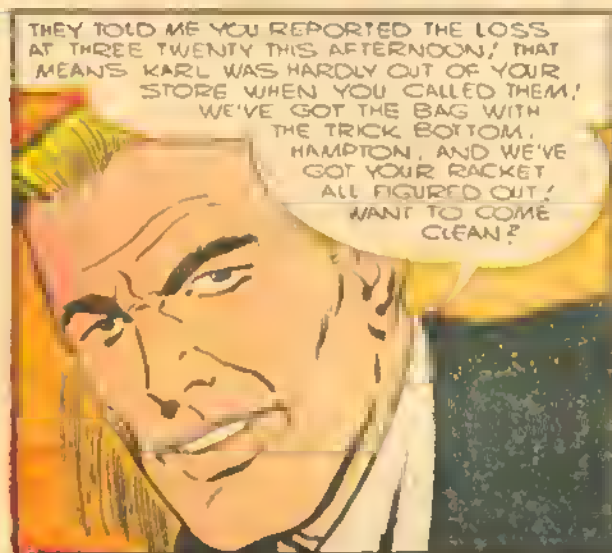
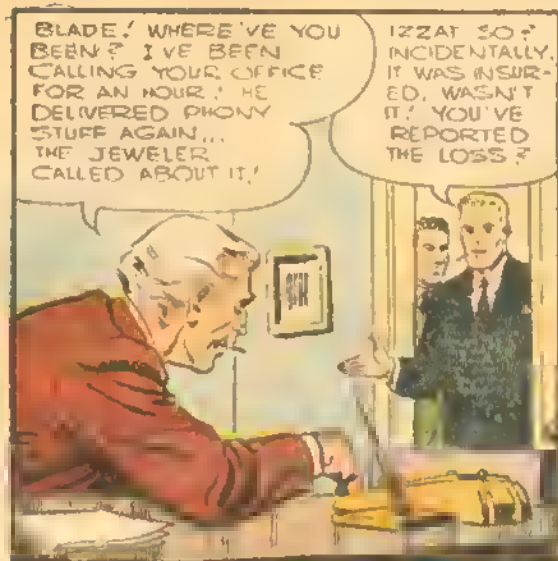
ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE, BLADE?

I'M TELLING YOU WHAT THEY TOLD ME. LIEUTENANT!





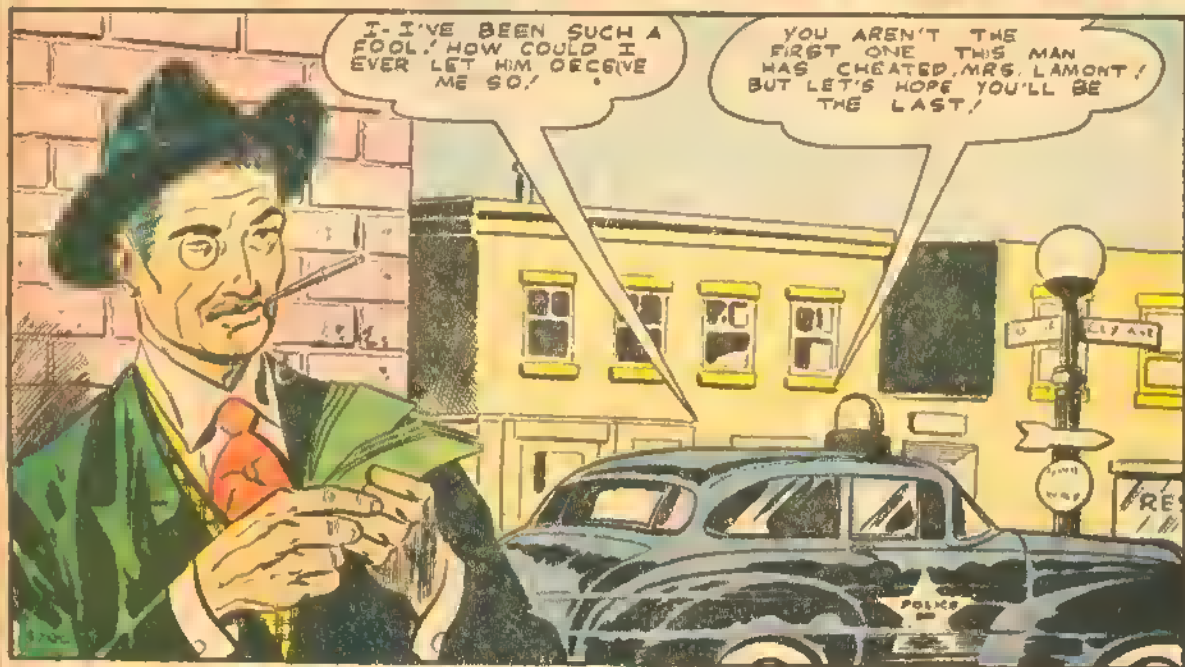
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IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE GULLIBLE AND UNWARY WHO ARE CAUGHT BY THE HONEYED WORDS OF THE EXPERT CONFIDENCE MAN. INTELLIGENT, RESPECTABLE CITIZENS CAN AND DO LOSE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS EACH YEAR TO THE SILVER TONGUED MERCHANTS OF DECEIT. MEN SUCH AS.....

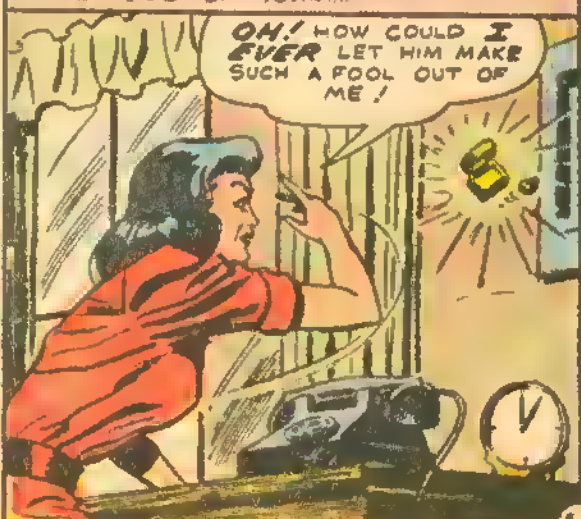
# THE FABULOUS SIR THOMAS



IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR A DOCTOR IN A SMALL RESORT TOWN RECEIVED A STARTLING SHOCK....



AND WITHIN A FEW HOURS ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF TOWN....

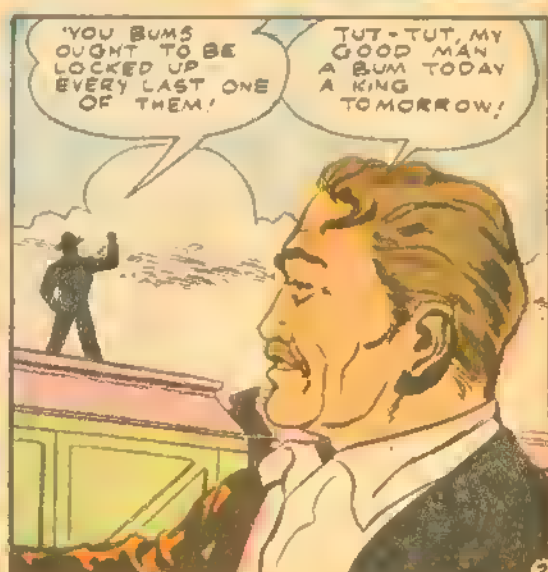
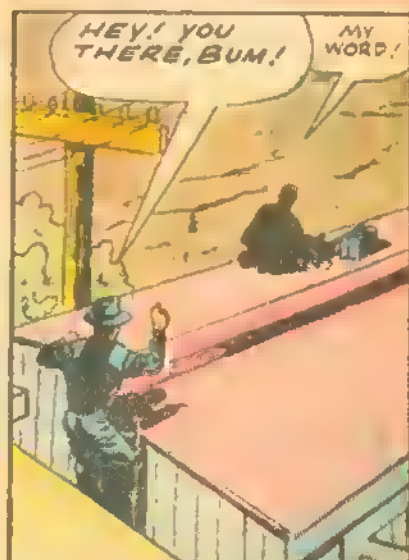




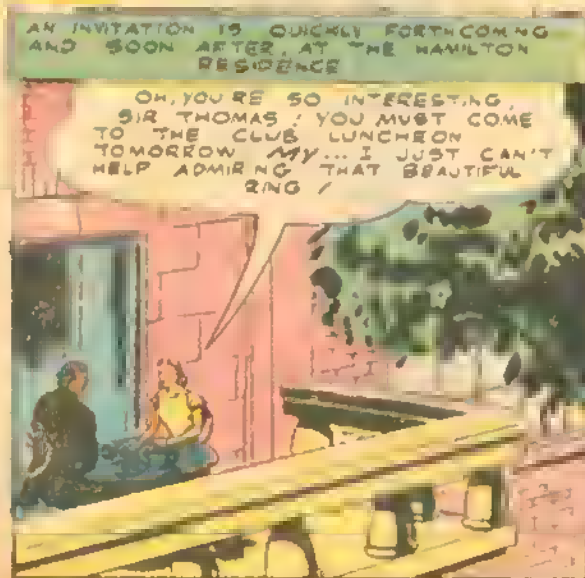
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SIR THOMAS... WHO IS THIS MAN? HOW HAS HE MANAGED TO DISRUPT THE LIVES OF SO MANY HONEST CITIZENS? LET'S LOOK BACK TO WHEN A FREIGHT TRAIN ENTERED THE TOWN OF OCEAN-DALE....

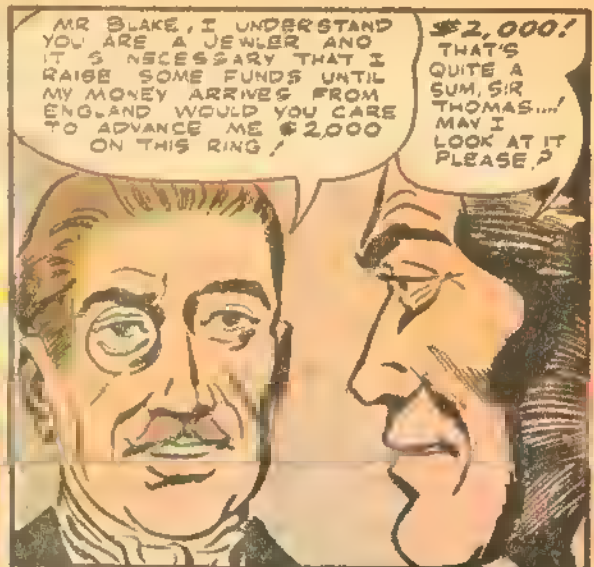
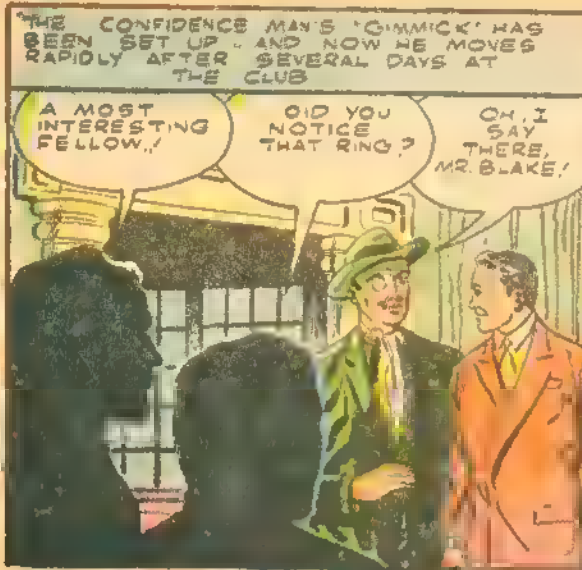


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# Now! The Amazing Facts about

# BALDNESS

## ...AND WHAT YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT



The following facts are brought to the attention of the public because of a widespread belief that nothing can be done about hair loss. This belief has no basis in medical fact. Worst of all, it has condemned many men and women to needless baldness by their neglect to treat certain accepted causes of hair loss.

There are six principal types of hair loss, in *alopecia* as it is known in medical terms:

1. Alopecia from diseases of the scalp
2. Alopecia from other diseases or from an improper functioning of the body
3. Alopecia of the aged (senile baldness)
4. Alopecia areata (loss of hair in patches)
5. Alopecia of the young (premature baldness)
6. Alopecia at birth (congenital baldness)

Senile, premature and congenital alopecia cannot be helped by anything now known to modern science. Alopecia from improper functioning of the body requires the advice and treatment of your family physician.

**BUT MANY MEDICAL AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE A SPECIFIC SCALP DISEASE IS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF HAIR LOSS**

This disease is called *Seborrhea* and can be broadly classified into two clinical forms with the following symptoms:

**1. DRY SEBORRHEA.** The hair is dry, lifeless, and without gloss. A dry, flaky dandruff is usually present with accompanying itching. Hair loss is considerable and increases with the progress of this disease.

**2. OILY SEBORRHEA.** The hair and scalp are oily and greasy. The hair is tightly matted to the touch and has a tendency to mat together. Dandruff takes the form of dead white stuff it usually oozes. Hair loss is serious with baldness as the end result.

Many doctors agree that to NEGLECT these symptoms of DRY and OILY SEBORRHEA is to INVITE BALDNESS.

Seborrhea is believed to be caused by three germ organisms — *staphylococcus albus*, *pytiosporum ovale*, and *acnes bacillus*.

These germs attack the sebaceous gland causing an abnormal working of this gland. The hair follicle, completely surrounded by the enlarged diseased sebaceous gland, then begins to atrophy. The hair produced becomes smaller and smaller until the hair follicle dies. Baldness is the inevitable result. (See illustration.)

But seborrhea can be controlled, particularly in its early stages. The three germ organisms believed to cause seborrhea, can and should be eliminated before they destroy your normal hair growth.

A post-hair development, Comate Medicinal Formula kills these three germ organisms in contact. Proof of Comate's germ-killing properties has been demonstrated in laboratory tests recently conducted by one of the leading testing laboratories in America. (Complete report on file and copies are available on request.)

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You may safely follow the example of thousands who first were skeptical, then curious, and finally decided to avail themselves of Comate Medicinal Formula.



**DESTRUCTION OF HAIR FOLLICLES  
Caused by Seborrhea**

A — Dead hair, B — Hair destroying bacteria, C — Hypertrophied sebaceous gland, D — Atrophic follicles

### A Few of the Many Grateful Expressions By Users of Comate Medicinal Formula

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— E. E., Hamilton, Ohio.

"Your formula is everything you claim it to be and the first 10 days total freed me of a very bad case of dry seborrhea."  
— E. M., Long Beach, Calif.

"I do want to say that just within five days I have obtained a great improvement in my hair. I do want to thank you and the Comate Laboratories for producing such a wonderful and amazing formula."  
— M. M., Johnston, Pa.

"I have found a most instant relief. My itching has stopped with one application."  
— J. N., Stockton, Calif.

"My hair looks thicker, not falling out like it used to. Will not be without Comate in the house."  
— R. W., Lonsdale, R. I.

"I haven't had any trouble with dandruff since I started using Comate."  
— L. W. W., Galveston, Tex.

"This formula is everything it not more than you say it is. I am very happy with what it is doing for my hair."  
— T. J., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

"I find it stops the itch and retards the hair fall. I am thankful for the help it has given me to retard the terrible itching."  
— R. B. L., Philadelphia, Pa.

"The bottle of Comate I got from you has done my hair so much good. My hair has been coming out and breaking off for about 21 years. It has improved so much."  
— Mrs. J. E., Lubon, Ga.

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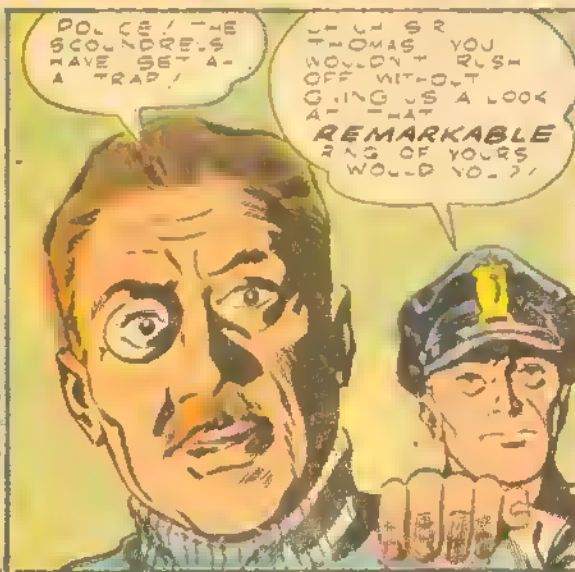
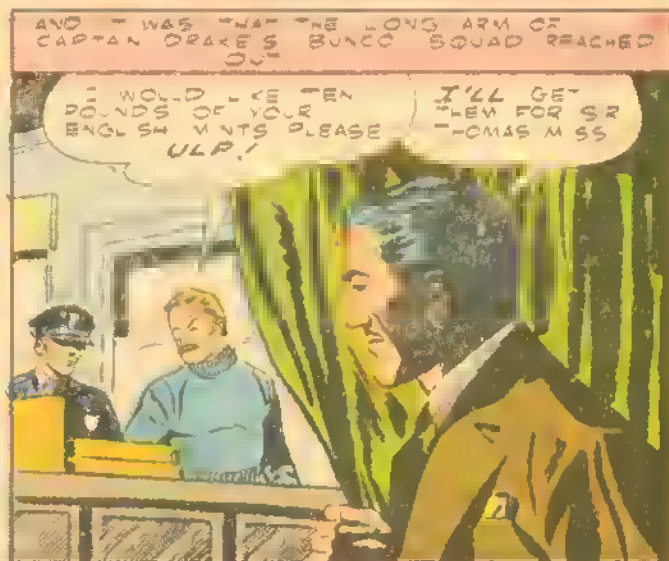
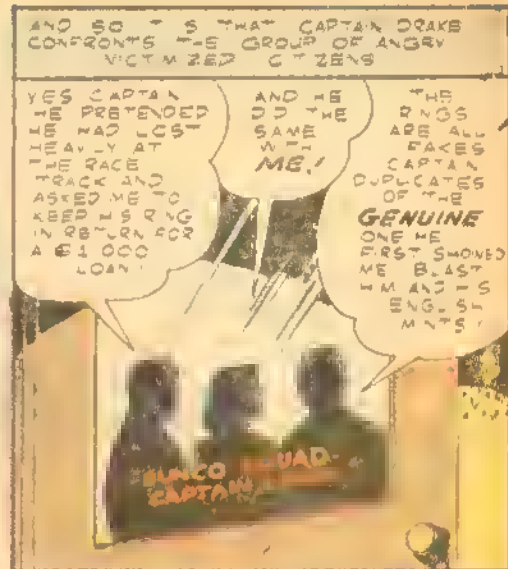
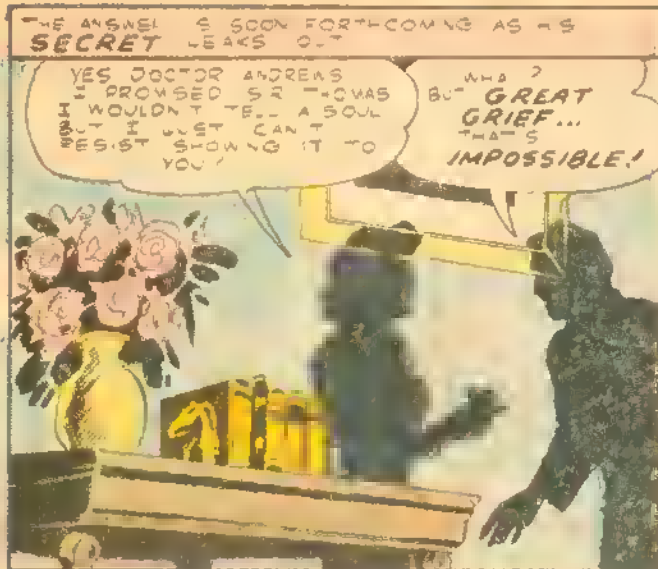
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## the SHORTCHANGE RACKET

MOST MONEY HANDLERS, CASHIERS, WAITERS, COUNTERMEN ARE HONEST... BUT MANY OF THEM ARE OUT TO MAKE A FAST BUCK AT YOUR EXPENSE! HERE ARE A FEW OF THE THINGS TO WATCH FOR...



WHEN YOU MAKE A SMALL PURCHASE... & YOU PUT DOWN A HALF DOLLAR... TAKE CHANGE OF A QUARTER AND WALK AWAY. IF YOU WAIT LONG ENOUGH THE LONG PAUSE WILL PASS AND YOU'LL GET YOUR OTHER QUARTER! YOU CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT! THERE'S NO LAW BROKEN...



A STRANGE TOWN OR RESTAURANT IS YOUR HORN AGAINST THE CASHIERS OR THE COUNTERMAN'S ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE BILL YOU GAVE HIM. ALL YOU CAN DO ABOUT THIS IS REPORT IT TO THE POLICE. IF THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS, POLICE PRESSURE MAY GET YOU YOUR RIGHT CHANGE...

WHEN YOU BUY ADMISSION TICKETS AT AN AMUSEMENT PARK OR A THEATER WHERE AN USHER HUSTLES YOU AWAY SO FAST THAT YOU GET HUSTLED OUT OF YOUR MONEY, THIS WORKS FINE AND THE BOYS MAKE A NICE PIECE OF CHANGE...

BUT I GAVE YOU A TEN DOLLAR BILL...

DON'T HAND ME THAT, YOU GAVE ME A BUCK!



KEEP MOVING, MADAM!



IF YOU'RE WITH A LARGE GROUP... WAITERS OR CASHIERS SOMETIMES COLLECT FROM TWO PEOPLE IN THE SAME PARTY FOR THE ONE BILL...

AND... CHECK YOUR BILL IN A RESTAURANT OR ANYWHERE ELSE. THERE CAN BE NO PROSECUTION HERE BUT A COMPLAINT TO THE LICENSING AGENCY THAT PERMITS THE PLACE TO DO BUSINESS WILL STRAIGHTEN THEM OUT...

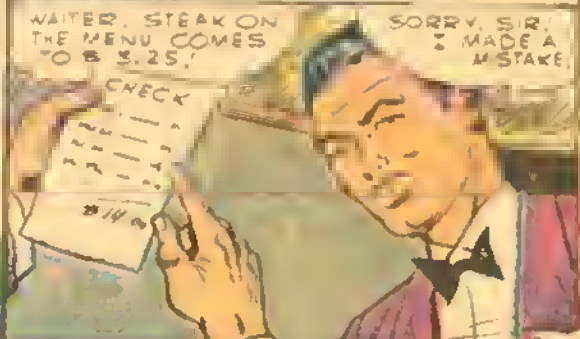
ELEVEN DOLLARS FOR THE BUNCH! NOT BAD!

HERE YOU ARE SIR, ELEVEN DOLLARS FOR YOUR GROUP!



WAITER, STEAK ON THE MENU COMES TO \$3.25!

SORRY, SIR, I MADE A MISTAKE!





# "TELEVISION TROUBLE"

Every seat was taken in the auditorium of the Electronic Research Institution. For almost an hour, Michael Benson, head of the Anti-Racket Bureau had been speaking to the members of the Eastern Television Dealers Association. And now he made his final statements.

"Television today is both a necessity and a luxury. It is a necessity in the sense that it brings into every home entertainment, education, news of the day, and other features. It is a luxury in the sense that it brings to millions what only a few decades ago was not within the reach of the average man's pocket-book. Definitely, television is here to stay and it has reached its age of maturity. But with the tremendous growth of television there has been a corresponding growth in the various services needed to maintain the sets.

Whenever anything goes wrong with the set, the average man or woman calls a service man to check on the set and see if repairs are necessary. It is with pride that I can say that the honesty and integrity of the average service man is above par. But unfortunately there is the dishonest man who tries to work out a racket to make a quick dollar by fleecing the television set owner. I used the word unfortunately in a double sense. First, it is unfortunate that the set owner has to part with his hard earned money to such a scoundrel. Second, it is unfortunate, that the scoundrel himself is unable to see that by being honest he can make a decent living. Under our grant of power, we can enter on our own initiative into a case when there is a federal law involved or when inter-state commerce, business, or activity is concerned. Upon the request of any local state subdivision we can also enter. Rest assured that our services are at your command should the occasion so arise."

There was thunderous applause as the famous man finished his speech. Later he went to the private office of Mr. Joseph Stern, president of the Eastern Television Dealers Association.

"We have had a series of complaints about the activities of a gyp repair outfit called the Kwik-Du-It Service," began Mr. Joseph Stern. "Customers have come to our dealers and asked for help. In some cases they were unable to get back their television sets until they signed promissory notes for a large amount. In other cases they said that parts had been taken from their sets and replaced with inferior replacements. Many of them were certain that minor difficulties were magnified into big jobs. I wonder if under your grant of power you could check up on this outfit?"

"That we can do now," replied Michael Benson with a slight smile on his face. "The Kwik-Du-It Service has become very greedy. They started to service sets across the state line last month and also continued their crooked work. We have them under observation and my men are gathering the necessary evidence to procure an indictment. When ready, you can be assured that the roof will fall in on the Kwik-Du-It Service. One thing we have learned in our years of fighting rackets is that the crooked and greedy person always gets careless. Such a person feels he can't be caught. And that is exactly when the law steps in and gets him!"

Mrs. Matilda Galloway was a most unhappy woman as she looked at her television set which had refused to function. She was a frail middle-aged gray haired woman.

"Without my set I am lost," she informed the repair man from Kwik-Du-It Service. "Please see what you can do to repair my set. I want it back by tomorrow the latest. You are such a nice man. Can I give you some coffee and cake?"

"No thanks, lady," replied the man whose keen eyes noticed that the electric plug was out of the socket. He moved the set slightly to the side so that the plug on the floor could not be seen. He made a quick inspection of the set.

"Offhand I would say your picture tube needs replacement. And your speaker needs

some readjustment. I'll take it to our shop and have our mechanic start work on it at once. I'll give you a receipt."

"You are such a nice thoughtful and considerate young man," complimented Mrs. Matilda Galloway. "What is your name?"

The man hesitated a minute. His orders were not to give his name. But this kind woman, well, it was almost a shame to make a sucker out of her.

"Joe Kellner," he replied as he moved the set towards the door. "And before I forget it, for our records you must sign a repair blank."

He handed the sheet of paper to Mrs. Matilda Galloway who tried to do her best to read it.

"Such small type," she remarked. "Is it anything important?"

"No," was the dishonest reply of the man who knew it was an authorization to be responsible for all repairs regardless of the amount. "Just a standard form."

Mr. Howard Shea looked at the repair man who had answered his call to the Kwik-Du-It Service.

"I don't think I need you now," he informed the man. "I tuned the set and it works."

"Perhaps only temporarily," replied the service man. "I will do a quick check for you free. That is a courtesy we extend to all people."

"Free," repeated Mr. Howard Shea. "That is very nice of you. Go ahead and tell me if anything is wrong."

Ten minutes later the repair man made his report to a worrying Mr. Howard Shea.

"The electricity in the set gets a diagonal composite refractory condition in which the ions react in a negative way."

"Is this dangerous?" questioned Mr. Howard Shea.

"Your set could explode and perhaps injure you and wreck the apartment. We can have it fixed by tomorrow. I'll give you a receipt and you sign a repair blank."

"That new fellow on bench five is a first class moron," said Bill Fields, manager of Kwik-Du-It Service to his boss, Al Butler. "He thinks he knows how to fix a television set. When he gets finished he really can wreck a set for us."

"Did you check up on his references?" demanded Al Butler.

Bill Fields grinned and then chuckled. That seemed funny to him.

"What references? the guy admitted he was fired from his last four jobs. I called the last place up and you should hear the panning they gave him."

Half an hour later Bill Fields was facing an angry customer.

"Where's my television set," demanded Mr. Louis Kimmelman. "For three weeks I have been calling you. Why the delay?"

"It was necessary to get a part from St. Louis," replied Bill Fields.

"I don't believe you," snapped back Mr. Harry Kimmelman. "What part is so important it must come from St. Louis?"

"The Integrator reactor," was the reply. "And as soon as you give us sixty dollars you can have your set."

"Are you crazy?" retorted Mr. Harry Kimmelman. "Your man said it wouldn't cost more than five dollars to fix the set."

"You signed an authorization to be responsible for any and all repairs needed on the set," said Bill Fields.

"I didn't sign any such paper. My pen didn't work so I just gave the blank back to your man."

Bill Fields quickly checked his records and found that such was the case.

"You wise guy," he said. "I won't give you your set until you sign a promissory note. You can't prove what my repair man said."

"Oh yes I can," replied a firmer and stronger voice coming from the mouth of Mr. Harry Kimmelman. "You and Al Butler are under arrest." Then turning to the repair man on bench five, he added. "Frank, you get Al Butler. Better inform him that the Anti-Rocket Bureau has taken over."

A very uncomfortable Al Butler, Bill Fields, Joe Kellner, and four other repair men sat in a small room. They not only faced Michael Benson but also Mrs. Matilda Galloway, Mr. Howard Shea, and other operatives of the Bureau.

"Concealed movie cameras showed how your men examined the sets. Also tape recorders took down what they said. The man you thought was a moron has a miniature camera which took pictures of your men wrecking sets. Who will talk first?"

"I will," conceded Joe Kellner. "They told me we could never get caught in this racket. Brother, I'll tell everything."

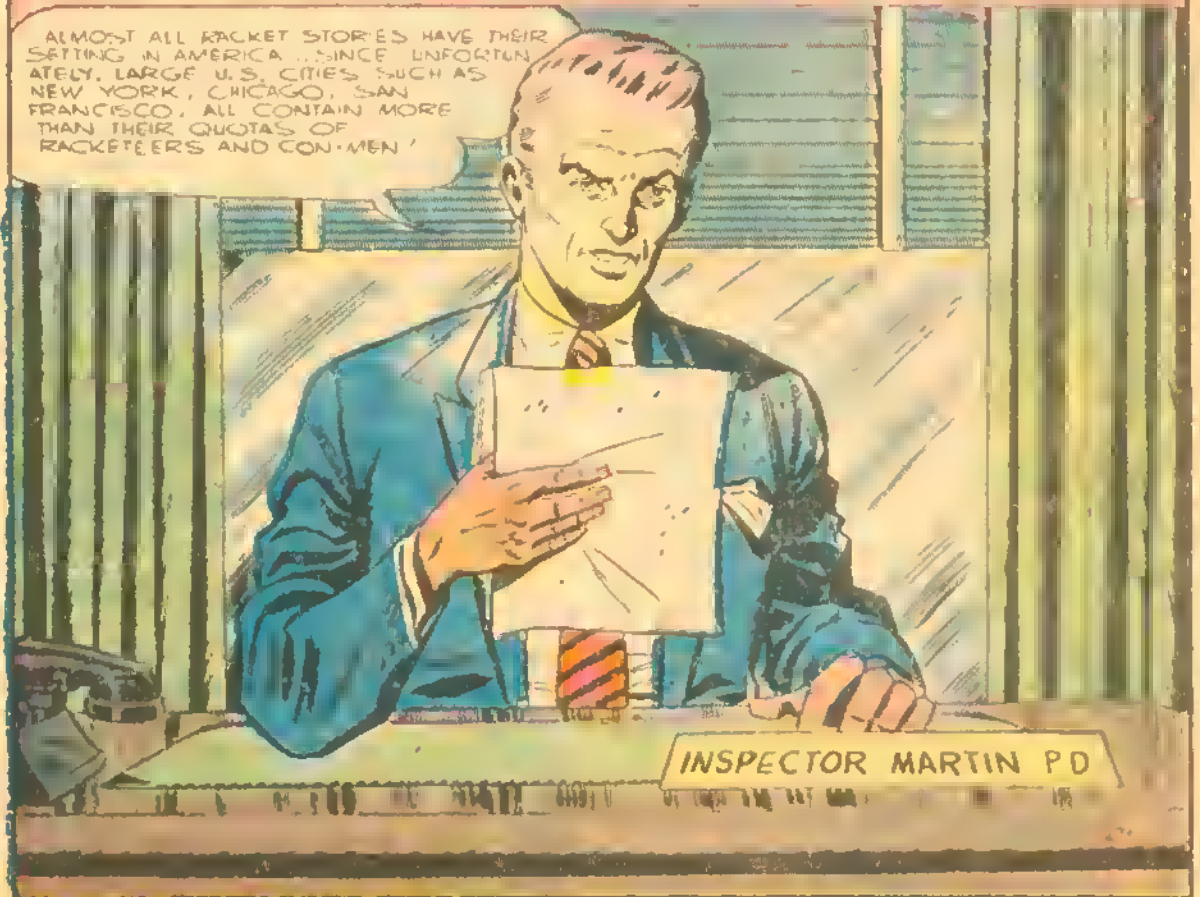
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## RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

# PASSPORT *To Trouble*

ALMOST ALL RACKET STORES HAVE THEIR SETTING IN AMERICA...SINCE UNFORTUNATELY, LARGE U.S. CITIES SUCH AS NEW YORK, CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO, ALL CONTAIN MORE THAN THEIR QUOTAS OF RACKETEERS AND CON-MEN!



HOWEVER, THOUGH IT SELDOM MAKES NEWS IN THIS COUNTRY, THE EUROPEAN POLICE HAVE ALWAYS HAD PLENTY OF TROUBLE WITH RACKETEERS. MANY OF THE RACKETS IN EUROPE SEEM PETTY AND INSIGNIFICANT TO MOST OF US... AND BY SOME STANDARDS MAY BE...



IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE TOO, THAT LARGE OR SMALL, NEARLY NINETY PERCENT OF THE EUROPEAN RACKETEERS THEY MEETLY IN VISITING AMERICAN TOWN... IN MANY CIRCLES IN EUROPE TODAY THE WORD "AMERICAN" MEANS "MILLIONAIRE"



# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION



AN AMERICAN PASSPORT IN HOOD LAR CIRCLES IN EUROPE IS WORTH FROM A FIFTY DOLLAR UP. THE REASON FOR ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO THE STORY INVOLVING MR. AND MRS. JOHN BILLINGS OF AKRON, OHIO, WAS A COULD HAPPEN ANY SEA PORT IN THE WORLD. THE FACT THAT IT HAPPENED IN MARSEILLE, FRANCE, IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING ON THE FRENCH PEOPLE AS A WHILE BEFORE ALL THE OTHERS HAVE THEIR HANDS ALREADY





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HOW ABOUT THOSE TWO BY THE RAIL?

GOOD! THEY LOOK EASY, AND THEY'RE WAITING FOR THE DOCK TO BE CLEARED OF PEOPLE BEFORE COMING ASHORE... PERFECT! BETTER GET DRESSED!



IT WAS A WONDERFUL CROSSING, SIR! THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

GLAD YOU ENJOYED IT, MR. BILLINGS!



ONE MOMENT, SIR, YOUR PASSPORTS, PLEASE!

ER... WHAT'S THAT, MY GOOD MAN?



PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR PASSPORTS! CUSTOMS INSPECTOR!

WE MUST BE A CUSTOMS INSPECTOR, JOHN!



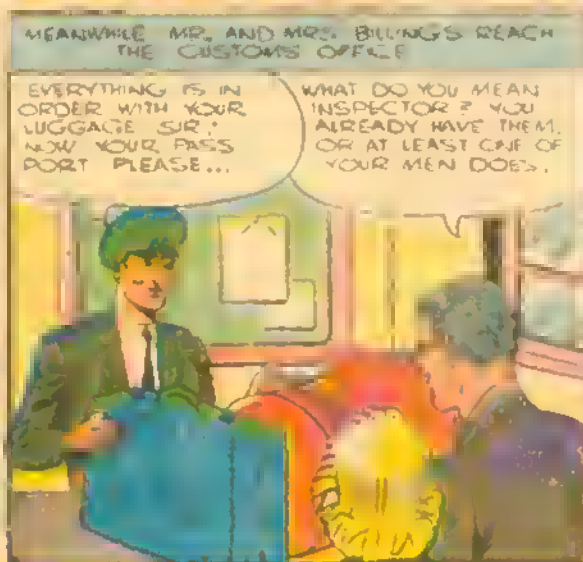
ER... I THOUGHT THE CUSTOMS WAS OVER THERE...

IT IS! THERE IS A LARGE CROWD IN THERE RIGHT NOW! I'LL TAKE YOUR PASSPORTS HERE AND HAVE THEM READY FOR YOU BY THE TIME YOU'VE CLEARED YOUR BAGGAGE! YOU'LL GET THEM BACK INSIDE, SIR!

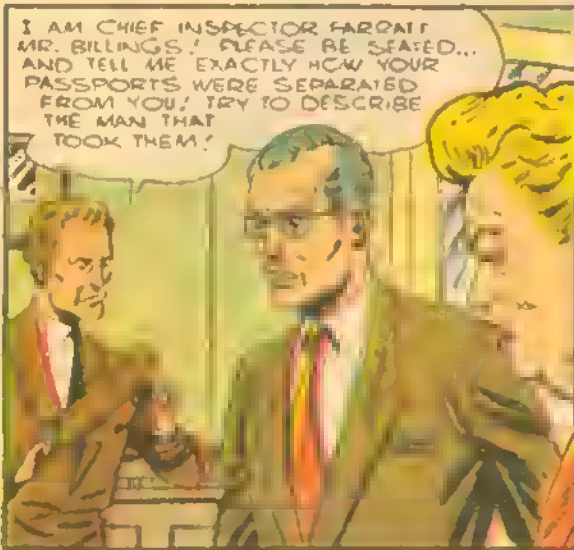




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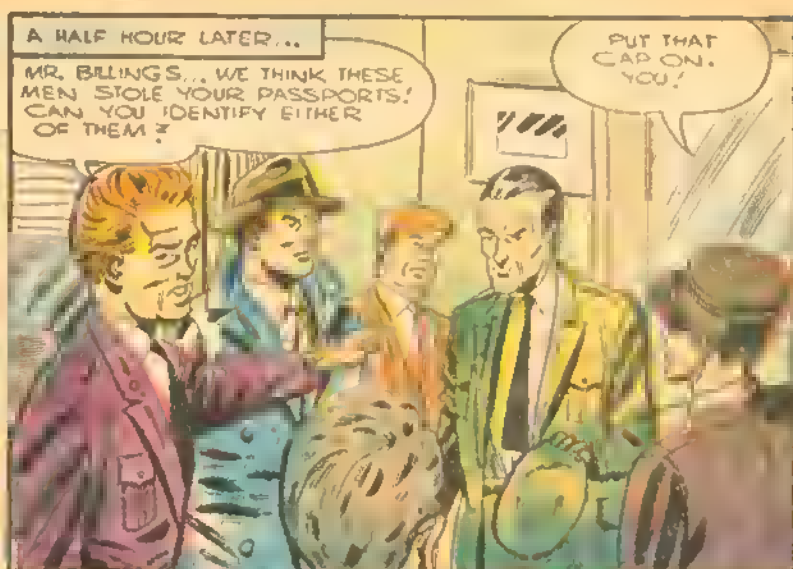


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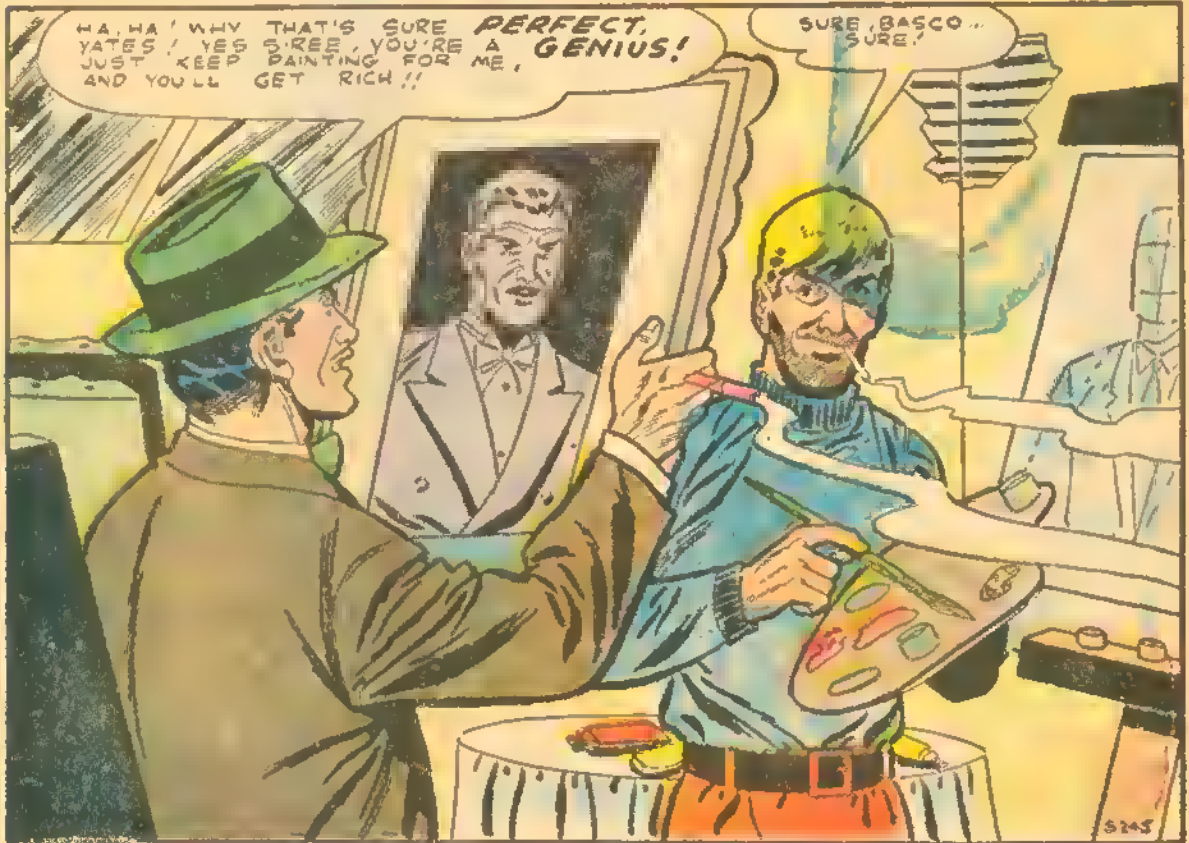
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WHEN HEARTBREAK AND GRIEF ENTERS INTO THE HOMES OF SOLID CITIZENS, THE WAY IS OFTEN PAVED FOR THOSE WHO PREY ON HUMAN MISERIES. THERE ARE THOSE MEN WHO GROW FAT ON THE TEARS OF OTHERS. THESE ARE...

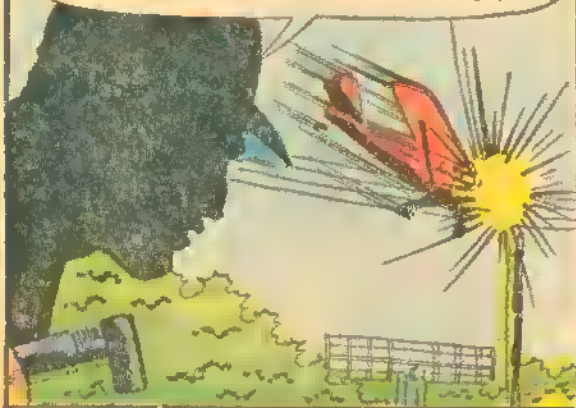


# The **PORTRAIT** **RACKETEERS**



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POOR MR  
COMBS HE  
WAS SUCH A  
FINE MAN!!





# RACKET SQUAD IN ACTION

THIS TRAGEDY WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE BIZZARE BUNCO PLOT THAT TURNED CAPTAIN ANTHONY LANE RED WITH ANGER

NOW I'VE SEEN IT NOW I'VE SEEN THE **WORST!**

LANE: WHAT? Y HANNAN? S WRONG?

THIS S WHAT'S WRONG ANDREWS THIS CHEAP D ME STORE PAINTING THAT A SIX YEAR OLD CHILD COULD DO IN A HALF HOUR

YEAH THAT S SOME MESS BUT SO WHAT? HOW COME A PAINTING S TEARING YOUR NERVES APART?

BECAUSE ANDREWS THE WIDOW OF PETER COMBS WHO DIED LAST WEEK IN A PLANE CRASH WAS CHEATED OUT OF \$500 FOR THAT PIECE OF TRASH!

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HOW COME? THAT WAS THE \$500 QUESTION THE ANSWER TO WHICH LARRY THE BRUSH BASCO KNEW ONLY TOO WELL ACROSS TOWN

WELL, YATES T LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER LITTLE COMMISSION COMING UP! SLOP SOMETHING OUT ON THE GOVE BOY BY DINNER TIME AND I'LL MAKE THE PITCH TODAY

LET'S SEE HIM BASCO

HE S GOT A REAL EASY FACE BASCO I COULD ALMOST MAKE THE ROUGH JOB LOOK LIKE HIM!

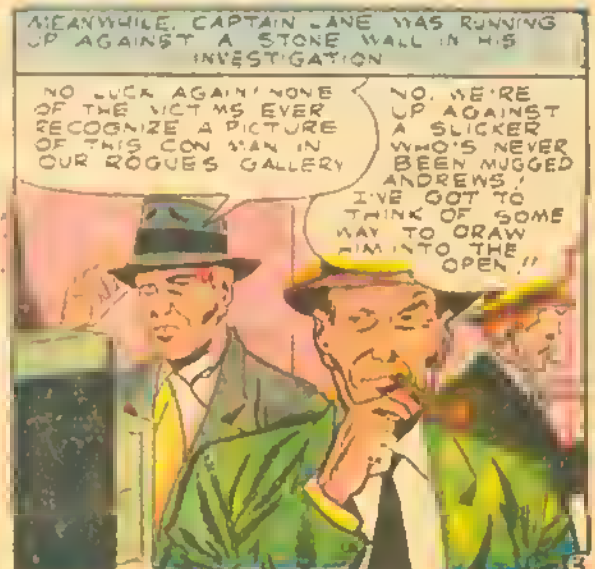
DON'T GET ARTY YATES JUST GET SOMETHING OUT IN ROUGH THAT WON'T GIVE T AWAY THAT YOU'RE MORE HOUSE PAINTER THAN ARTIST!

SHORTLY THE CITY'S MOST VICIOUS RACKET MAN WAS READY

WELL, I'M OFF AND RUNNING FOR ANOTHER SOFT SCORE!

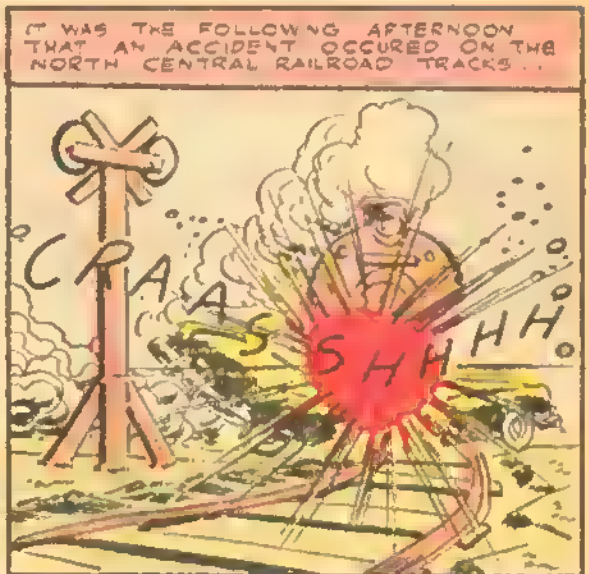
HA HA YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF GALL, BASCO I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU!

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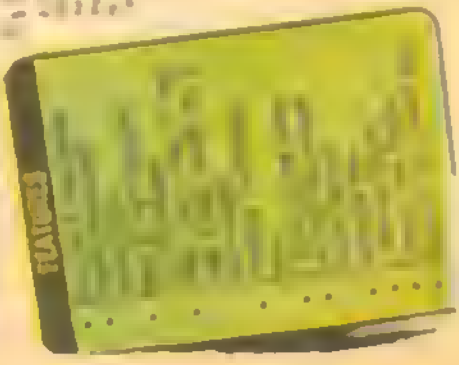


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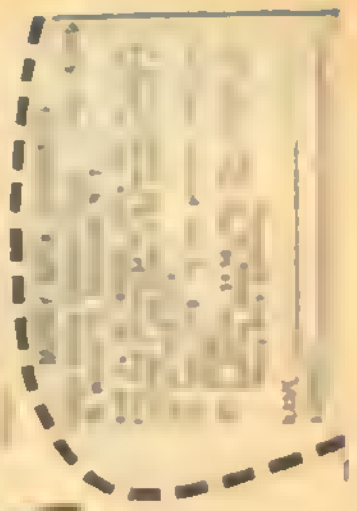


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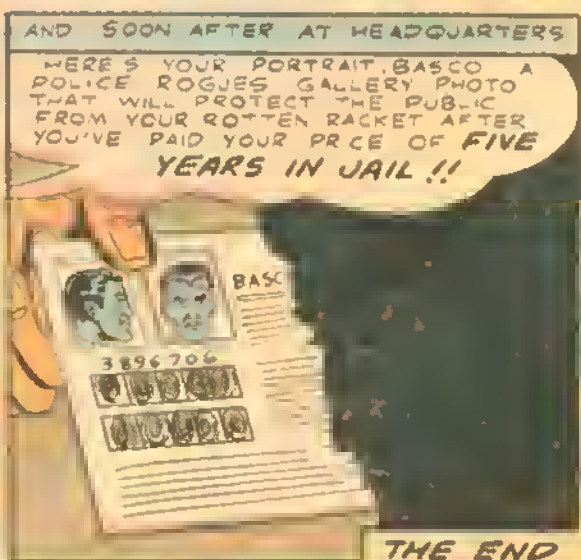


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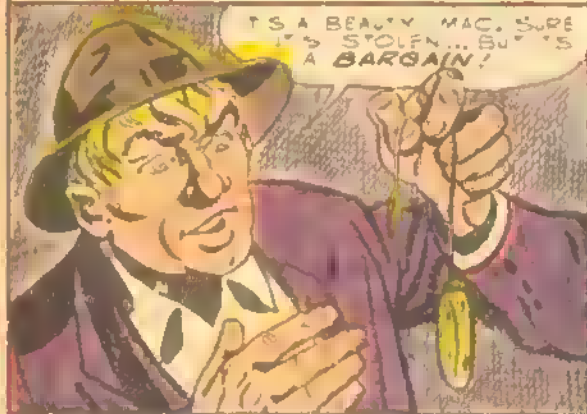
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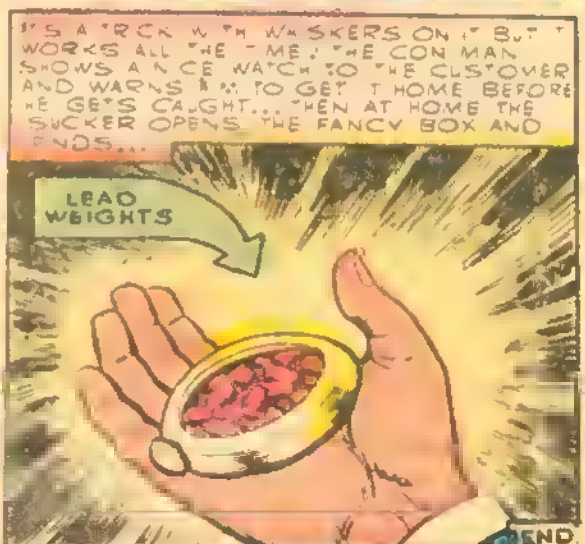
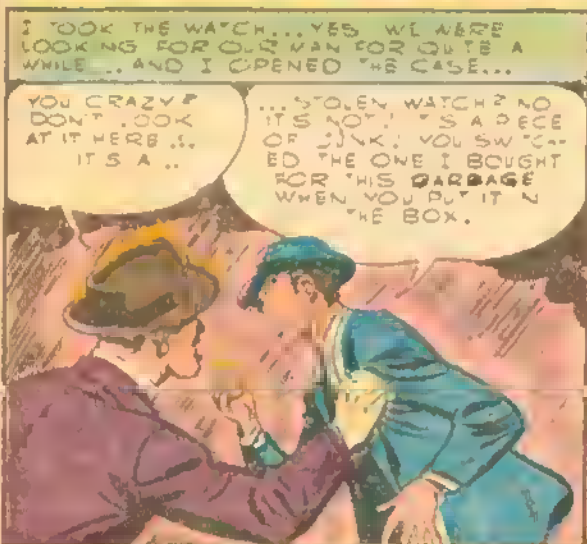
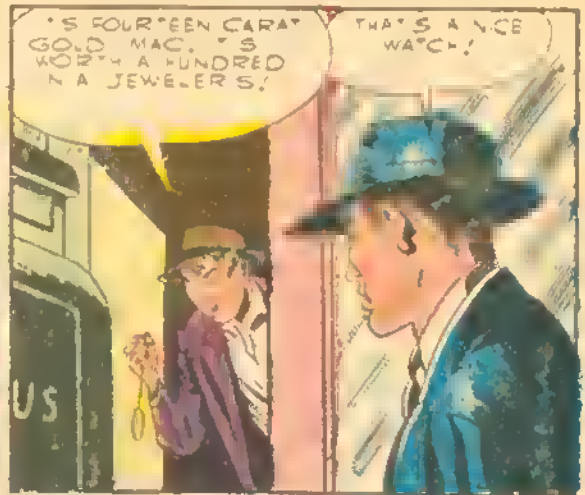
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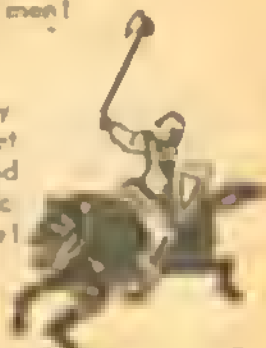
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